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Ambassador Rice, from the Hague, came to see me. He is placing his daughter in an English School near Southampton.

Some 25 or 30 members of the United States Senate Staff Club congregated in our conference room this morning. They were a bright lot. I responded to their questions about conditions in England, and we also exchanged anecdotes about ex-Senator Green of Rhode Island, who is seriously ill.

I went to the Hotel Carlton Tower to a lunch given by George Parker of Standard Oil of New Jersey for Eugene Holman. Those present were heads of British petroleum companies and various executives of Shell. These men have an extraordinary knowledge of what is happening all over the world and it was an instructive, as well as pleasant, occasion.

This afternoon I went to Bedford College in Regents' Park to welcome the latest draft of Fulbright scholars. I told them:

"For many years, I have followed with close attention the activities of the Fulbright program. I have long thought that exchanges of scholars thoughout the world represented the most promising hope of achieving fruitful results in what is popularly referred to as Peoples to Peoples diplomacy.

You come here in considerable numbers, but are only part of that ever crescent flood of the studious and the curious, who in their tens of thousands install themselves in this country, for a limited time, to observe its institutions, to scrutinize its culture, to absorb its teachings and to assess its civilization.

To the scholar, nothing is truly alien. He is a citizen of a mental world without boundaries or prejudices. Each draws from the well of understanding according to his needs and his capacities.

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